HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7057 By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lois Elaine Fisher Parks of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lois Elaine Fisher Parks; and

WHEREAS, Lois Parks was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 18, 1926, Lois Parks attended high school in Cairo, Illinois, and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks served with acumen and alacrity as a registered nurse at the Armstrong Medical Clinic in Somerville, where she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 1949, Lois Parks married Hugh Preston Parks, Sr., long-time Somerville attorney and United States Navy veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks was an active and devout member of the Somerville First United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as church secretary, organist, and coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks evinced a deep passion for music, and she was a talented organist and pianist; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Mrs. Parks participated in numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the Somerville Garden and Arts Club; she also served as organist for the Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home in Somerville for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Lois Parks always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks was preceded in death by her parents, Stone Fisher and Loys Hughes Fisher; and

WHEREAS, Lois Parks is survived by her sons, Hugh P. Parks, Jr. and Rodney F. Parks and his wife Kathy, and her grandson, Richard P. Parks; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lois Elaine Fisher Parks, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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